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THE ADHESIVE STAMPS OF CEYLON TO THE END OF 1870.

A Paper read before the Philatelic Society, London, on Friday, 8th March, 1889.

By W. B. Thornhill.

(Continued.)

We may fairly start with the idea that, if they exist, they are due to some flaw in the watermarking of the sheet, because if not, as they are of so recent a date, and dealers have had and have large blocks of the Crown and C C. bought at the time of issue, we should most probably have heard of them in blocks; and I have never heard any one suggest yet that they have a pair of long no-watermarked stamps. I think the following facts will bear out my statement.

The 1d., 2d., and 6d. are the values most commonly supposed to exist. These three values, with the ½d., are, I believe, the only values which were watermarked in panes. You will see in the block of 1d. before you that, at all events, that portion, and I think we may take it the whole sheet, was watermarked in four panes, each pane surrounded by a line; and between the panes horizontally the words "Crown Colonies," in large block letters. There are plenty of places on that sheet, if the position of the sheet was slightly altered before being printed on, where a stamp would show only a portion of a letter or a line, which in some stamps would undoubtedly be difficult to see, and would lead one to suppose they had no watermark at all. Again, on this particular sheet it would be possible, though most improbable, given a certain position of the sheet, to have so printed it that a stamp came exactly between the N of CROWN and C of COLONIES, and exactly between the two compartment lines of the panes above and below; in that case the watermark would be invisible, though there; for the distance between the compartment lines is not long enough, and the lines would come in the top and bottom perforation. Therefore, as regards the 1d., I have shown the probability, at all events, that, though it may appear to have no watermark, still it most likely has. I have not had sheets of the 2d., green, and the 6d., brown; but I have pairs showing lines, evidently part of the line surrounding a pane; and if my theory holds good for the 1d., it will be for the 2d. and 6d. If we look at the other values, of which you will see several blocks here, you will not find any vestige of watermarking in panes; and it is of these values—the 4d., 5d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 1s., 2s.—that we do not get specimens apparently without watermark. Is it not, therefore, a fair conclusion to come to, that the 1d., 2d., and 6d. are really not on unwatermarked paper at all? It is not likely that those should be the only values printed on unwatermarked paper, and one certainly does not often hear of the others. I may mention here that Mr.

Tapling has a 5d. and 10d. supposed to be unwatermarked, but I should be much surprised if I could not find a mark. I have brought several specimens which certainly appear unwatermarked, but they all are. One has a line only, right across the stamp, and invisible, except when soaked.

While on the subject of watermarks, it is perhaps worth noticing that the words "Crown Colonies" in the 1d. block, are in much smaller letters than in any of the other blocks. You will also see in the blocks of 2d., olive-yellow, 4d., and 1s., that there seems to have been some difficulty in spelling CROWN, as in those blocks it is spelt CRWON.

I am afraid I have been a long time getting to the question of the long and short stamps. I will put my facts as shortly as possible, and must then leave the reason for their existence for some one to solve, who can ascertain the way these stamps were reduplicated from the matrices and printed, as I do not think till we know that we can get much nearer the solution of the difficulty than I have.

The first thing that strikes one, on looking at the table, is the want of regularity in the length of all the stamps which we have assumed are from the same dies, no matter what issue; and I would ask you to remember that I have not put down all the differences that I have found, but only the extremes, or where the difference is more or less measureable. There is not a single stamp constant in length through all the issues. You will see from the table also what may not be generally known, that the nearly whole set Crown and C C exist long and short to as great an extent as the 1863 set are shorter than the long Crown and C C. I have divided this issue into two sets, long and short, all of which I have found, except the ½d., 2d., green, 6d., red-brown, which I have not seen short.

For the sake of making two sets, I have called those *long* measuring 26 mm. or over (and all are found over that length), and those *short* under 26 mm. most of which can be found 25·50 mm. The smaller differences, which are practically unmeasurable, but which exist, are no doubt due to slight running of the colour; but where the difference is as much as a ½ m., we must I think, dismiss that idea as the reason for the differences in lengths. The short 1863 set are much more regular than any other set in length, but they differ, as you will see. In the short stamps the whole stamp is shorter. Not only the frame, but the head, from top of crown to point of bust, varies in length in proportion to the stamp.

The octagonal Crown and CC set are wider than the original star octagonals.

The ½d. is the only stamp I have found constant in size, and that is a different class of printing altogether from the other values.

To convey what I mean I have called certain shades cold and warm, as you will see by the stamps I have put side by side. The cold shades seem to be printed with less colouring matter, and to be more clear; and almost without exception you will find the cold shades are long stamps and the warm shades short. This, I think, disposes of one theory as to these stamps which I heard the other day—that they are simply due to running of the colour—because if it were so, surely the cold shades would be short, and *vice versa;* but if that is not sufficient, the absence or presence of more or less colouring matter could never make the heads shorter and smaller, as they undoubtedly are.

The 4d., 6d., 8d.. 9d., 2s. more particularly can be divided into distinctly cold and warm shades, as I think you will see by these here ; and they are long and short as I have stated. These are, I think, the chief points noticeable about the long and short Crown and C C stamps. Now let us see what we can arrive at from the evidence before us.

We have dismissed the idea of running-in colour causing the difference.

We will now consider the pros and cons of the shrinkage of paper theory.

Major Evans thinks the perforation of the 1863 set being 13 instead of 12½ shows shrinkage ; but that we may put aside, as the Crown and C C short stamps gauge 12½. Shrinkage would not make a rough-cut perforation like the 12½ perforation into a fairly clean-cut perforation 13, like the 1863 set. If from shrinkage of paper, why have they only shrunk in length and not in breadth ? I believe it is possible for paper to shrink only one way, but not likely. One would expect to get from such a large shrinkage a running together of the lines and the impressions becoming more or less indistinct. We do not find that.

That the stamps would expand to a certain extent if soaked for any time ; but forty-eight hours soaking makes not the slightest difference. The total shrinkage on a sheet, taking 1 m. per stamps, and allowing twenty rows of twelve, which I suppose was the size of the sheet, would be roughly 20 mm., which I understand from a practical paper manufacturer is an impossible amount for so small a sheet of paper to shrink.

I think these reasons are sufficient to put shrinkage of paper out of court.

What other reasons are there possible ? Different matrices for the long and short stamps is the only natural reason left, but I think I can prove that the matrices for each value through each issue are identical ? If you will examine the five 1d. stamps before you—all the different 1d. there are, star, perforated and imperforated, no-watermark, and C C, long and short —and look carefully at the left-hand bottom square, which contains a rose-shaped ornament, in the middle of which you will find a many-rayed star, one ray of which points, if I may call it so, north by east, and runs up a little into the white space dividing the pear-shaped leaves of the rose. This ray is longer than the other rays, and is not so in the right-hand bottom ornament ; but it is present, this peculiarity, in each of the one pennies before you, showing to my mind clearly that there was never more than one matrix made for this value. If there had been, is it likely, not to say possible, that this little irregularity, as it can hardly have been made so intentionally, would have been copied ? There are dozens of other peculiar little lines and marks in this value, constant in all the issues short and long, but I think this one is enough for our purpose. I can find you some peculiarity also in all the other values constant in all the issues. I do not think there can be much hesitation in saying that the long and short stamps are from the same dies or matrices. What is the difference due to ? Mr. Tapling thinks it is from some mistake in the formation of the plate from which they are printed, though what that mistake can be, I do not think he suggests in his article ; but I feel sure that he has, as usual hit the nail somewhere near the head, and that until we know how the plates were formed to print from, and how the stamps were printed, we shall not be

able to say how it is that these stamps from the same matrices vary in length. During the time these stamps were in use, there surely must have been more than one working plate to print from, and it seems to me probable that as soon as Messrs. De La Rue took over the contract, they found they wanted more working plates, and constructed some; and during that construction, something happened to cause the new plates to be smaller than the original ones. Could the steel plates in the process of hardening have shrunk in length? That seems most improbable.

(Continued.)

OUR STAMP EXHIBITION.

MR. EDITOR,—As we are to have an exhibition of stamps at the coming convention of the C. P. A. in Halifax in July, it has occurred to me that a few suggestions from some one may result in more general uniformity of arrangement and contribute somewhat to the better success of the exhibit.

Now while we may not have any really great collections in Canada, such as we sometimes see described in philatelic literature of England and the United States, and while we cannot hope to make a show at all comparable with the one lately made in New York City, still we have among the members of the C. P. A. many really good collections which contain hundreds of gems.

If our members will interest themselves in this matter, a very good display can be made, and one which will be a credit to our Association.

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Yours respectfully,

Pictou, N. S. A. J. CRAIG.

Mr. Craig's idea is such a good one that it would, perhaps, be advisable for all members who intend to exhibit, to adopt it for the sake of uniformity.—ED.

C. P. A. CONVENTION NOTES.

As already published, the C. P. A. Convention is to be held in Halifax during the summer carnival, commencing on the 31st July.

GREAT attractions are held out as inducements for visitors, a full list of which will be found advertised elsewhere.

THE resident Philatelists are arranging to give visiting friends every opportunity to put in a good time.

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IN MEMORIAM.

It is with feelings of the most profound regret, which I am sure will be shared by all the members of the C. P. A., that I, as President, announce to the Association the demise of our valued Vice-President for Ontario, MR. GEORGE V. WALKER, which sad event occurred very unexpectedly on Thursday, the 6th of June, at his late residence in Peterborough, Ontario. at the early age of 32 years. Deceased was an active, energetic, and enthusiastic Philatelist, whose early death robs our Association of one of its most useful members and officers.

HENRY HECHLER, *President C. P. A.*

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—The new 5c. is rose; perf. 12. There is a new letter card, 2c. with stamp inscribed "Correos y Telegrafos" and portrait of Celman; brown on buff.

Bavaria.—The card of 5 × 5 pf., with the new arms, has watermark of perpendicular lines, far apart. and "89" in corner.

Br. Bechuanaland.—The *Ph. R.* mentions 4d. Registry envelopes surcharged "Protectorate," McCorquodale & Co., size K in green; De La Rue & Co., size G in black, size H in green.

Br. Honduras.—The 20c. has been issued with large surcharge.

Congo Free State.—The 5c. now comes in the new type.

Guadeloupe.—The 20c., 30c., and 40c. are surcharged respectively, 10c., 15c., and 25c., in rectangular frame.

Gwalior.—The cards and envelopes have the arms black.

India.—The official card of 1883, ½a. blue, has the three lines of advice now beginning with "The—and—the" instead of "The—signature—must," as at first. There are other slight changes.

Italy.—The 10c. card has date "89."

Martinique.—*Le T. P.* mentions the following surcharges:

01 on 20c. (without "c.")
05c. on 4c. (with "c."
15c. on 20c. ("Martinique" below.)
15c. on 20c. (without "Martinique.")

Nabha.—The 1 rupee is surcharged in two lines, in black.

Newfoundland.—The 1c. post card is surcharged 2 cent. The value at top crossed with a bar and the figure 2 at each lower corner.

New South Wales.—The *Ph. R.* mentions a registry envelope 1 × 8½ × 86 mm., ordinary form, with tongue flap; white muslin lined. The 4d. stamp is in pink on the end of the flap.

New Zealand.—The 1d. is printed in a darker shade of rose, and the dies of the 1d. and 2d. are to be retouched.

Oudeypoor.—The stamp previously noted appears to be only a seal.

Orange Free State.—There is a provisional card on white paper, 113 × 87 mm. with double line frame, enclosing the letter W. many times repeated, and letter O in the corners. It bears an adhesive of 1d.

Rajpeepla.—The new 1a. stamp is blue (C. C. 55.)

Reunion.—Unpaid letter stamps have been issued, 5c., 10c., 20., 30c. They are type set, black on white.

St. Lucia.—The 1½d card is not large size.

Tasmania.—The 1d. is printed in vermilion, local impression. The 1d. black is noted without watermark.

Turks I.—The 2½d. is surcharged "one penny." The 6d. is now yellow brown.

United States.—The *A. Ph.* says:—"The post office authorities have just applied to the American Bank Note Co. for proofs of each postage stamp in two colors, and announce their intention of at once changing the colors of the entire series."

Western Australia.—We have the 1d. rose (C. C. 138), 2d. slate (C. C. 109 nearly) 4d. red brown (C. C. 83). The 2d. is surcharged "specimen."

Zululand.—The 1½d. green and lilac of Great Britain is surcharged "Zululand."

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 10th, 1889.

GENTLEMEN,—I regret to say that during this month, there has not been one application for membership to the Association. If every member would make an effort and try and get others to join, this would not happen again. Let every member try and get at least one new name for us, by doing this our members would be soon doubled, and we would derive a corresponding benefit, especially in our Exchange Department, which is the great feature of our Association. Application blanks will be sent to any member who sends me a card desiring them. Nominations for the officers of the C. P. A. are also now to be sent and must be in my hands by the 5th July, so as to have time to get the ballots printed and sent to members, who will return them to me or to their proxies, in time for the Convention.

All members who intend to be present, are requested to send in their names, so that arrangements can be made for hotel accommodation, etc.

In reference to an exhibition, attention is called to Mr Craig's letter on another page. Members who desire to send any exhibits may depend on the very best care being taken of them.

It is hoped that a large number of members will attend the Convention as there will be reduced fares by railway and by steamers, on account of the summer carnival to be held here, which commences on the 5th of August, and which members will be able to see.

The following is the list of new members:

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS, No. 11.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

DONALD A. KING,
Secretary.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MAY 26TH, 1889.

During this present month, we have had placed before us the most important case that has arisen since we have been in office, but we are glad to say that all the evidence appertaining to it was so complete, that we did not experience the trouble that we would otherwise have done had this not been so.

On May 14th, Mr. F. J. Grenny, Exchange Superintendent, preferred charges against W. S. Kinzer of Wooster, Ohio, C. P. A. No. 153, of substituting stamps on the Exchange Books of the Association. We at once, in accordance with the Constitution (See Article 2, Sec. 2), appointed a court of four members to hear the charges, namely, Messrs. D. A. King, No. 18, Theo. Larsen, No. 23, A. B. S. DeWolf, No. 21, and Thomas Francis, No. 163, who, after carefully reading all the evidence, rendered the following decision:—

May 20th, 1889.

That we, the Investigating Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Canadian Philatelic Association, having carefully read and studied all the papers and letters in connection herewith, have decided that the guilty party is W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, O., C. P. A. 153, and recommend to the Executive Committee that he should be expelled from the Association.

DONALD A. KING,
A. B. S. DEWOLF,
THEO. LARSEN,
THOMAS FRANCIS.

We therefore, acting upon the advice of the Investigating Court, expel Mr. W. S. Kinzer, No. 153, from the Canadian Philatelic Association, and have notified the Sec'y to that effect, and further to request Mr. Kinzer to settle the amount of his defalcation in cash, and failing in this, hereby instruct the Exchange Superintendent to sell any stamps of his that may be in the hands of the Department, and with the proceeds, pay as far as possible the amounts due parties who have suffered losses through him.

(Signed) JNO. R. HOOPER, *Chairman*,
GEO. C. MORENCY,
F. C. KAYE.

The chief facts of the case which led to the expulsion of W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, Ohio, from the Canada Philatelic Association are as follows:

It appears that for some time complaints had been made by numerous parties to the Exchange Superintendent, that good stamps had been taken

off their sheets, and not only inferior but worthless stamps put on in their places. As promptly as received, Mr. Grenny laid all complaints before the Chairman of the Executive Committee, who noticed that W. S. Kinzer's name appeared on all the sheets that were tampered with. Not long after this an Exchange Book was made up with H. E. Deats 1st, Alvah Davison 2nd, and F. B. Eldredge 3rd. Mr. Deats by mistake, sent it to W. S. Kinzer, together with another book that was to go to him, instead of to Mr. Davison. Now it so happened that the book in question contained one of Mr. Eldredge's sheets, who, when he received it, noticed that several of his stamps had been substituted. He at once stopped the book and sent it to Mr. Grenny. Now this narrowed the case down to three. On a further examination, it was found that all the stamps substituted, were put on with a very peculiar hinge, perforated all around, and that the only sheets fastened by these hinges were Kinzer's. It was now decided by Mr. Grenny and Mr. Hooper to try and find out for certain if Kinzer was the guilty party; so a book was made up and W. S. Kinzer's name put first on the list with Mr. W. F. Dent second, who was notified that when the book was sent to him he was not to open it, but to re-direct it direct to Mr. Grenny, with seal unbroken. An invoice was taken of every stamp the book contained, before it was sent out, and when it was returned to Mr. Grenny without having been opened since it left Mr. Kinzer's hands, it was found that Kinzer had credited himself with 84 cents, and substituted stamps to the amount of $16.93, representing 45 of the best stamps the book contained and replaced them by stamps that would not cost 25 cents per hundred, mostly Japanese Telegraph, foreign revenue and common German local.

The total defalcations so far known as yet, are:

F. J. Grenny	$ 1 50
F. B. Eldredge	1 75
W. S. Aldrich	8 50
H. S. Harte	2 00
M. R. Knight	4 00
J. R. Hooper	2 25
P. M. Wolsiefer	3 89
F. C. Kaye	1 23
G. Walker	4 15
A. E. Warren	7 46
E. O. Evans	10
Total	$36 83

It is expected, however, that other claims will bring it close upon $40.00. Kinzer has in the Exchange Department a credit of $72.34, which will balance all losses in full.

Looking at the case as it stands, it is one of the most glaring cases that ever took place in America, and the Exchange Superintendent deserves credit for so soon fixing the crime upon the guilty party, for if he had not been detected when he was the losses would have been far greater, as in one of Kinzer's letters, he expressed a wish to have ten books a month sent him

so as he states, "To wire into them." Kinzer is a newsdealer of Wooster, Ohio, and has been falsely advertising himself to be a member of other societies. He is a publisher of a stamp paper, leading light of the Philatelic Association of Ohio, etc. Kinzer started to remount his collection lately and apparently discarded locals, revenues, telegraphs, etc., which he used for substituting.

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OFFICIAL ORGAN, HALIFAX PHILATELIST.

JUNE 10th, 1889.

Meeting called to order at 8.30 p. m.; Vice-Pres. Larsen in chair. Members present:—Messrs. Larsen T., Larsen O., Hechler, Hart, King, Kaye, Smith E. A., and Jubien.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Hechler, seconded by Hart, that an assessment of 25 cents be levied on all members. Carried. The Treasurer having collected this amount from all those present, the next business of the evening, viz., N. S. P. A. nominations for C. P. A. offices was proceeded with, and the following ticket arranged.

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" " *Editor*, H. F. Ketcheson.

Owing to the non-attendance of a number of members, the business regarding an exhibit here during C. P. A. Convention, and the election of a Managing Committee, was left till next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10 p. m. Next meeting June 24th.

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